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STATUTES AND RULES

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# STATUTES AND RULES.

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## CHAPTER I.

### *Of the Meetings, Functions, and Privileges of the Trustees.*

1. THERE shall be four General Meetings of the Trustees at the Museum in every year, namely, upon the second Saturday in February, May, July, and December\*.

General Meetings.

2. Special General Meetings shall be summoned by the Principal Librarian, upon receiving notice in writing to that effect from any two of the Trustees.

3. There shall be a Standing Committee, consisting of the Three Principal Trustees, and of Fifteen Trustees to be annually appointed at the General Meeting held on the second Saturday in May.

Standing Committee.

4. Vacancies in the said Committee shall be filled up, from time to time, by the Trustees at a General Meeting.

5. The said Committee shall conduct, subject to the authority of the General Meeting, all the ordinary business of the Museum; and shall report

\* A General Meeting must consist of Seven Trustees at the least. Vide 27 Geo. II.

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Standing  
Committee.

its Orders and Proceedings to the next General Meeting.

6. No business shall be transacted by the said Committee unless Three Members of the said Committee be present.

7. The said Committee shall have power to affix the Seal of the Corporation to any application to Parliament for money, and to any other Document which may require the Seal.

8. They are also to inquire, as often as they shall think fit, into the conduct of all the Officers and Servants; to receive any Scheme or Proposal for the better ordering or managing the Museum, or any part of it; as also any complaint of neglect, or of disobedience to the Orders of the General Meeting or Committee; and to give such directions therein as shall seem expedient.

9. They are also to give to the Officers such leave of absence as they shall think proper; provided that such absence do not extend beyond the space of six weeks in the year, to be taken between the first of July and the thirty-first of October inclusive; unless for special reasons the Committee should think it necessary to permit a longer absence: provided also, that the Keeper and Assistant Keeper of any one Department shall not be absent at the same time; and that two at least of the five Keepers having apartments shall at all times be resident in the Museum. The Assistant Keepers are, if required by the Committee, to have their usual abode within one mile of the Museum.

10. The Committee are also to examine the bills of tradesmen, and all other demands upon the Museum; and, if they approve the same, to order payment thereof.

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Standing  
Committee.

11. All moneys, belonging to or at the disposal of the Trustees, shall be kept at the Bank of England; to be written off from the Cash Account to the Drawing Account by Orders signed by Three Trustees.

12. The said Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees, either Standing or Special, on any matter appertaining to the affairs of the Museum. Such Sub-Committees to consist of at least Three Members of the Standing Committee, of whom Two shall be a Quorum.

13. At every Meeting of the Standing Committee, of the Sub-Committees, or of the General Board, the Trustee who may be first called to the Chair shall occupy it until the close of such Meeting; or so long as he remains at it, unless any special cause to the contrary shall appear.

14. There shall be a general Visitation of the Museum by the Trustees on the day of the General Meeting, appointed to be holden on the second Saturday of May in each year; the Visitation to commence immediately after the conclusion of the business of the General Meeting; but in case there shall not be a sufficient attendance of Trustees to constitute a General Meeting, the said Visitation shall nevertheless be made by such Trustees as shall be then present.

Visitations.

15. Besides the said annual Visitation, the



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Visitations.

Trustees, in a General Meeting or Committee, may appoint Visitations either of the whole, or any part of the Collections, as often and on such days as they shall think fit.

## Attendance.

16. Any Trustee elected subsequently to May 13, 1837, who shall not give personal attendance at any of the Meetings of the Trustees for a period exceeding twelve months, is expected to resign his Trusteeship, or to assign such reasons for his absence as may be satisfactory to a General Meeting of the Trustees.

## Privileges.

17. Every Trustee shall have free access, as well on the private as on the public days, to any part of the Museum, and may take with him such persons as he shall please to introduce; but only during such hours as the Museum shall be open to view.

## CHAPTER II.

*Rules relative to the Officers, Assistants, Attendants,  
and Servants.*CHAP. II.  
Apartments  
and Resi-  
dence.

1. The Principal Librarian, and all other persons to whom Apartments are allotted, shall reside therein, unless when leave of absence is granted by the Trustees.

Principal  
Librarian.

2. The Principal Librarian, being chiefly entrusted with the care and custody of the Museum, is expected—

(1.) To provide for the safety of the Museum and its Collections, to take every precaution against fire and other accidents, and to be personally and directly responsible for all property belonging to the Trustees, which is not specifically committed by them to the custody of other officers.

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Principal  
Librarian.

*This duty, like the duty of the Principal Librarian, is to be performed by the Librarian.*

(2.) To exercise a constant superintendence over every department, and to report to the Trustees, at stated intervals, the progress made in the several works carried on in each.

(3.) To take care that the Officers and Servants of the several Departments are regular in their attendance and perform their proper duties; and to report any omission in this respect to the Trustees.

(4.) To grant admission to persons of eminence desirous of inspecting the Collections, but not able to avail themselves of the ordinary mode of admission; and to take care that such persons have proper attention paid to them.

(5.) To see that the Museum is kept open during the appointed hours; that the attendants are at their respective posts; and that due order and propriety of behaviour are observed by all persons, whether visitors or domestics; and for this purpose frequently to visit every part of the Museum.

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Principal  
Librarian.

(6.) To have the principal charge of the Reading-Rooms, to grant admission thereto, and to take care that the persons admitted have all such facilities as they may reasonably expect, and which are consistent with the security and preservation of the collections.

(7.) When the Museum shall be visited by any of the Royal Family, or by Royal personages of other Countries, to attend them in person; and to conduct them through the institution in such manner as is becoming their high station.

(8.) To communicate to the proper Officers the orders made by the Trustees relative to the internal management of the Museum; to see that these orders are duly carried into effect; and to report thereon to the Trustees.

(9.) To be the responsible editor of the Synopsis; to see that it is prepared and printed in a satisfactory manner, and in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be issued by the Trustees; and to take care that a sufficient supply of copies is always ready to meet the demand of the public.

(10.) The Principal Librarian, if he shall absent himself from the Museum, either by reason of the leave given to him by the Trustees, or from urgent necessity, shall give notice in writing of his absence



to the senior Officer in residence. And no officer shall in any case absent himself from the Museum, without giving notice in writing to the Principal Librarian, and to the senior Officer of his own Department; and the Principal Librarian shall in all cases report the said absence to the Trustees at their next meeting.

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Principal  
Librarian.

3. In case of sickness, death, or allowed absence of the Principal Librarian, the senior Officer in residence shall be considered as his Representative; and be empowered to exercise all the functions prescribed in the foregoing Articles.

4. It is also the duty of the Principal Librarian, in the capacity of Secretary—

(1.) To attend all meetings of the Trustees; to take down the minutes of their proceedings; to prepare the Writes Off for payments made by them from their Cash Account at the Bank of England to their Drawing Account; to keep an account of such Writes Off; to conduct the correspondence of the Trustees; to issue all summonses; to notify to the Principal Trustees the vacancies which may occur in the establishment; and also to take the chief charge of all records and other documents connected with the business of the Trust.

(2.) He is charged with all payments made on account of the Museum; and is therefore empowered to sign Cheques for payments from the Drawing Account; and

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Principal  
Librarian.

of these to keep an exact statement, which, when examined and audited by the Auditor of the Museum, are to be laid before the Trustees quarterly.

(3.) He is regularly to lay the Drawing Account pass-book before the Trustees, at every Meeting. He shall give securities for the due discharge of his office, to the amount of 10,000*l.*; that is to say, his own bond for 5,000*l.*, and two other securities in a joint and several bond to the amount of 5,000*l.*

(4.) He is to examine and check all bills sent in by tradespeople, and certify that the articles have been ordered by the proper authority, that the charges are duly made, and that the computations are accurate.

(5.) He is to keep a weekly account of all work done for the Trust, paid otherwise than by fixed monthly or annual Salaries, and certify that such work has been duly authorized, and that the charges are accurate.

(6.) He is to keep a regular account of all books published by the Trustees, and the number of copies delivered and disposed of, and periodically to ascertain that the stock in hand corresponds with the account.

(7.) He is to examine and check the printers' and booksellers' accounts, and

receive the moneys due from booksellers and other persons, as well as for the sale of the Synopsis.

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Principal  
Librarian.

(8.) He is to keep an account of all Casts made, and of the manner in which they are disposed of; and to receive the money for such as are sold.

(9.) He is to keep an account of the Stationery received and expended; and make all applications to the Stationery Office.

5. The subordinate Officers are to aid and assist the Principal Librarian in all matters relating to his duty, in respect to the care and custody of the Museum; and they are strictly enjoined to give immediate notice to the Principal Librarian, if any article in the Museum shall be lost or damaged, in order that he may report the same to the Trustees at their next meeting.

6. The Keepers of Departments and their Assistants are to be particularly careful, that every thing within their respective Departments be at all times preserved in good and exact order; that full and accurate Catalogues or Lists be made and kept, comprising every article in their respective custodies; and that the apartments, containing that part of the Collection which is under their care, be kept as neat and clean as is consistent with the admission of persons to view and make use of the same.

Keepers of  
Depart-  
ments and  
their As-  
sistants.

7. Four resident Keepers of Departments, that is to say, the Keepers of the MSS., the Printed



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Keepers of  
Depart-  
ments and  
their As-  
sistants.

Books, the Antiquities, and the Senior Keeper in the Department of Natural History, shall, during the summer months, remain in the Museum, each a week in rotation, until five o'clock on Saturdays, and until seven o'clock on other days, for the purpose of seeing that the Attendants are at their posts, and that due order is observed, and of giving such directions as may be called for.

8. The Officers of the several Departments shall give the whole of their time, for which they are respectively engaged by the Trustees, to the service of the Museum; and shall employ themselves in arranging scientifically, and in making Catalogues of, all Additions that may be made from time to time to the Collections entrusted to their care; and also in re-arranging the old Collections, and correcting the old Catalogues, whenever either may stand in need of it. In performing this duty, they shall be particularly careful to enter in the Catalogues references to the places where the respective articles are deposited; and also to note and affix to the said articles the references made in the Catalogues; and they shall severally report, every month, their progress in these works to the Standing Committee of the Trustees, specifying the point from which, as well as the point to which, their Reports extend; besides which, they shall, as soon as possible after Christmas of each year, report to the Standing Committee the whole of the work by them severally executed in the year then ended; laying before the Trustees at that time the several works

upon which they have been employed in the preceding year, and in which they are then respectively engaged; and the senior Officer of each Department shall accompany the Annual Statement of his own services with a special report of the works in which the Assistant Keepers, and all others employed under him, have been engaged during the year, and of the precise progress which they have made in such works; and this special report shall also contain a general statement of the nature and amount of the accessions acquired in the Department during the year.

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Keepers of  
Depart-  
ments and  
their As-  
sistants.

On the day of annual Visitation, the Catalogues and Inventories of the several Collections in the Museum shall be laid before the Trustees; and the Principal Librarian shall particularly bring to their notice the Inventory of the Pictures deposited by them in the National Gallery, in order that the Trustees may appoint a day for the visitation of those Pictures.

The Keepers of Departments shall, on laying before the Trustees their Annual Report, submit to them also the Register of Accessions to their Departments during the preceding year.

The Keepers of the several Departments are to be particularly careful to distinguish every article bequeathed or presented to the Museum, by marking on it or attaching to it the name of the person making such bequest or donation, and with the date of its presentation; and they shall pay especial attention to the preservation of

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Keepers of  
Depart-  
ments and  
their As-  
sistants.

these objects, which the Trustees do not allow to be sold as duplicates, or otherwise disposed of.

9. The Keepers of the Printed Books, of the Manuscripts, and of the Prints and Drawings, are to stamp every article received into their Departments with the Museum Stamp.

10. The Keeper of the Printed Books is to superintend and enforce the delivery of the Books claimable under the Copyright Act.

Principal  
Librarian to  
make re-  
marks upon  
Monthly  
and Annual  
Reports.

11. The Principal Librarian shall make such remarks on the Monthly Reports of the Officers, as he may think necessary for the information of the Trustees; and at the foot of the Annual Reports of the Officers, he shall state his opinion as to the efficiency of the services performed by them respectively.

Superin-  
tendents of  
Reading  
Room.

12. As the proper management of the Reading Room is essentially important to the usefulness of the Museum, it is expressly enjoined, that one of the Superintendents do regularly attend in the said Room; and that he do on no account whatever leave it, unless the other Superintendent shall be there, or some other competent person specially appointed by the Principal Librarian.

13. The Superintendents shall keep a book, in which shall be entered the names of all those who have duly obtained admission into the Reading Room; and it shall be their duty, to take care that no person enter the Room without being authorized; to see that the readers are provided with such books or manuscripts as they may re-



quire; and, so far as may be in their power, to assist them in the objects of their research; they shall also see that the readers do not damage the books or manuscripts, nor annoy any of the other readers.

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Superintendents of  
Reading  
Room.

14. The Assistants are under the immediate direction of the Senior Officer of the Department in which they are employed, who is responsible for their due attendance and the efficiency of their services.

Assistants.

These Assistants, as well as the Superintendents of the Reading Room, are to keep a Diary, wherein they shall daily note down the manner in which they are occupied in the Museum, and the progress they make in the duties upon which they are engaged; and also their absence, with its cause, whenever such absence shall occur. These diaries are to be inspected and signed once a month by the Senior Officer of the Department in residence, who shall insert any observations he may think proper for the notice of the Trustees, when these diaries are laid before them, which shall be done through the Principal Librarian at every ordinary General Meeting.

15. The Chief Messenger is the Superintendent of all the other Servants and Attendants; he is to keep daily an accurate register of their attendance, and to report to the proper officer any instance of negligence or misbehaviour. He is to keep an account of all Letters and Parcels received and delivered, and of the charges on

Messenger.

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Messenger.

the same, and of all such other expenses as are usually included in a petty cash account. He is to see that no persons are improperly admitted into the interior of the Museum, and that visitors are conducted by an attendant or some fit person to the Officer or Department for which they enquire. He is to be careful that the fires are entirely extinguished at the proper time; and for this purpose he is, immediately after the shutting of the Museum, to visit all the rooms in which fires have been lighted. He is also to take care that the windows and doors are properly secured in the evening, and that the Museum is in all respects left in a state of safety.

Attendance  
at Meetings  
of the  
Trustees.

16. The Principal Librarian, and the Senior Officer in residence of each Department, shall be in readiness to give attendance, if required, at all ordinary Meetings of the Trustees; and all the Officers shall be within the precincts of the Museum during the time of any General Visitation.

Other offices  
not to be  
held without  
permission.

17. No Officer or other person employed in the Museum can hold any other office or employment without the permission of the Trustees first obtained in writing at a General Meeting.

General In-  
structions.

18. In framing these regulations, the Trustees are aware that it is impossible for them to define the duty of each Officer, with a sufficient degree of precision for all possible emergencies; in addition, therefore, to the above rules, it is to be considered as a general Instruction to the several Officers, that they conduct themselves as becomes

men of honour, integrity, and liberality, in the conscientious discharge of the duties of their respective stations, and as men who have the credit and utility of the Institution truly at heart.

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General In-  
structions.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Concerning Admission to the British Museum.*

1. The only Holidays to be observed at the Museum are Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and any special Fast or Thanksgiving days ordered by authority.

CHAP. III.  
Holidays.

2. The Museum shall be kept open for public inspection every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in every week; except on the Holidays above mentioned, and from the 1st to 7th January, the 1st to 7th May, and the 1st to 7th September inclusive. During the Christmas, Easter, and Whitsun weeks, the Museum shall be kept open every day except Saturday and Sunday. The Tuesdays and Thursdays in every week are reserved for the better arrangement of the several Collections; for the greater accommodation of Students, especially Artists; and for the visits of Persons of Eminence, or distinguished in Learning, Science, or Art, who may be desirous of examining any part of the Collections more minutely than can be done on the public days. The Saturday is reserved for

Days and  
Hours of  
Admission.

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Days and  
Hours of  
Admission.

washing and sweeping the several Galleries and Rooms.

The hours for viewing the Collections are from ten till four, in the months from September to April inclusive, and from ten till seven during the remainder of the year.

Mode of  
Admission.

3. Persons who wish to see the Museum, are to apply on any of the above-mentioned open days, in the Entrance Hall, where each individual may be required to inscribe his or her name and place of abode, in a book to be kept for that purpose.

4. It is expected that persons, who visit the Museum, be decent and orderly in their appearance and behaviour; the Officers being instructed to refuse admission to, or to cause to withdraw, any person who shall disregard this caution. No children in arms will be admitted.

Reading  
Room.

5. The Reading Room of the Museum shall be kept open, except on the Holidays specified in Sect. 1., and between the 1st and 7th January, the 1st and 7th May, and the 1st and 7th September, from nine till four every day in the week, except Sundays, in the months from September to April inclusive, and from nine till seven during the remainder of the year: with the exception that on Saturday it closes at five.

6. Persons desirous of admission into the said Room, are to send their applications in writing to the Principal Librarian, or in his absence to the senior Officer; who, if he sees no objection, will grant admission for a term not exceeding half a



year. In cases where there may be any doubt as to the propriety of admission, the applications shall be referred to the next Meeting of the Trustees. Every reader may, at the expiration of his term, apply for a prolongation of the same, without a fresh recommendation.

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Reading  
Room.

7. Persons who apply for admission to the Reading Room, are to specify their descriptions and places of abode; it is expected that every one who applies should produce a recommendation satisfactory to a Trustee or an Officer of the House.

8. Readers are allowed to take extracts from any printed book or manuscript; but no entire manuscript, nor any considerable portion of it, is to be transcribed without leave from the Trustees. Transcribers are not to lay the paper on which they write on any part of the book or manuscript which they are using.

Regulations  
as to Read-  
ing Room.

9. No person is, on any pretence whatever, to write on any part of a printed book or manuscript belonging to the Museum. The permission to visit the Reading Room will be immediately withdrawn from any person who infringes this rule; but if any one should observe a defect in such book or manuscript, he is requested to signify the same to the Superintendent of the Reading Room.

10. Persons engaged in works of learning, or in the prosecution of any useful design, and having occasion to examine any part of the Collection with more attention than can be done in the ordi-

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Regulations  
as to Read-  
ing Room.

nary way of viewing the Museum or using the Reading Room, or having occasion to make a drawing of anything contained in the Museum, are to apply to the Principal Librarian, who will grant permission, if he sees no objection; otherwise he will report to the Trustees.

11. The respective Officers whom it may concern, *viz.* the Keeper, the Assistant Keeper, and Assistants of the Department of Manuscripts, and the Superintendents of the Reading Room, are charged to be particularly attentive in observing persons who may have occasion to inspect manuscripts, charters, deeds, or other legal instruments.

12. No part of the Collections belonging to the Museum shall be at any time carried out of the precincts thereof; except such articles as are required to be produced in evidence. In this case application shall be made for leave to a Meeting of the Trustees; or, in case of urgency in point of time, to the Principal Librarian; which leave being obtained, the Keeper or Assistant Keeper of the Department, or one of the permanent Assistants, shall be allowed to carry out the article required; but he shall keep it constantly in his custody, and allow it to be inspected only in his presence, except by command of superior authority.

In regard to Documents required by a Secretary of State for Her Majesty's Service, the consent of any three Trustees, or of one of the Principal Trustees, shall be first obtained.

13. The members of the Royal Academy, and

Artists, may have admission for the purpose of copying the Sculptures, or other objects of art, in the Museum, from nine o'clock till four, during every day in the week, Saturday and Sunday excepted, in the months from September till April inclusive, and from nine o'clock till seven during the remainder of the year. Application for this purpose must be made to the Trustees, or to the Principal Librarian, or to the senior Officer of the Department of Antiquities; but it is expected that artists, or students, who are not members of the Royal Academy, produce satisfactory recommendations.

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Regulations  
as to Reading Room.

14. One of the attendants shall be always present in the Gallery, during the time when persons are employed in taking copies.

15. The Collections of Coins and Medals shall not be shewn to any one without due precaution; no person shall be admitted into the room except in the presence of the Keeper or Assistant Keeper of the Collection, or one at least of the Assistants. No more parties shall be admitted into the room at the same time than there are officers at leisure to attend them: the number of any party not to exceed five persons.

16. No Attendant, or Servant, shall, on any pretence, take any fee, reward, or gratuity from persons visiting the Museum, or using the Collections.

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## CHAPTER IV.

*Concerning the Security of the Museum.*

CHAP. IV.  
Precautions  
against Fire  
and other  
Accidents.

1. The Museum shall at no time whatever be left without one, at least, of the resident Officers within the same, or the precincts thereof, that proper orders may be given, and due care taken for its preservation in case of fire or any other accident which may endanger the building or its contents. And in order to provide more effectually for the observance of this regulation, each resident Officer of the Establishment in weekly rotation, shall consider himself responsible for the care of the Museum buildings; and shall not leave the Museum between the hours of Ten o'clock in the evening, and Eight o'clock in the morning, without having first procured some other of the resident officers to supply his place. In case of any accident, the Principal Librarian, or, in his absence, the next officer in seniority who shall be in the Museum, shall give such orders as in his judgment will best conduce to the safety and preservation of the same.

2. Each of the Officers shall pay particular attention to the security of his Department; and for this purpose he shall take care that, after the Visitors leave the House, the windows and doors be properly secured, and that the fires in the stoves be left in such a state that no danger may arise therefrom. The Messenger and his Assistant shall likewise, under the direction of the Principal



Librarian, frequently visit the hall, passages, especially those on the basement story, and other places where danger may be apprehended; they shall examine whether every part of them is secure; and see that no person is lurking therein; and in the performance of this duty they shall, if requisite, be assisted by the Porter and the two Watchmen, or any of them.

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Precautions  
against Fire  
and other  
Accidents.

3. And since for this service, and for lighting the fires, or in case of accidents happening in the night, it may be necessary that lights should be brought into the Museum, or body of the House, such lights for those uses shall be carried in lanterns to be provided for that purpose; but lights are never to be brought into the Museum on any other occasion, nor in any other manner.

4. If a fire should break out in the Museum itself, or in any of the buildings thereto belonging, or in the neighbourhood thereof, or if any other accident should happen whereby the Museum or Collections should be in danger, every Officer or Servant discovering it, or being apprised thereof, shall immediately give notice of it to the other Officers and Servants, who are forthwith to give their attendance and utmost assistance for the preservation of the Museum and its Collections.

5. The Principal Librarian shall take care that the engines for extinguishing fire, and the pipes belonging to them, be continually kept in good order; and that the reservoirs are always in a state fit for service.

CHAP. IV. For the better security of the Museum, the following special Regulations shall be printed separately, and a copy placed in the hands of each resident Officer of the Museum, and also left with the Messenger and Porter :—

I.—REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL SECURITY  
OF THE MUSEUM.

Regulations  
for security.

1. The Museum is at no time whatever to be left without one, at least, of the resident Officers within the same, or the precincts thereof, that proper orders may be given, and due care taken for its preservation in case of Fire or any other accident which may endanger the Building or its Contents.

2. Each resident Officer of the Establishment is to be punctual in the observance of the Weekly Rotation enjoined upon him by the Fourth Chapter of the Museum Statutes.

3. At the closing of the Museum on each and every day, all Fires in the stoves are to be left in such a state that no danger may arise from them.

4. The Head-housemaid, or, in case of her illness or allowed absence, the next female servant in seniority, one hour after the closing of the Museum, is to go through all the Rooms which have had Fires, and see that they are extinguished.

5. The Chief Messenger, or one of his Assistants, is, under the direction of the Principal Librarian, to pass through all the Rooms of the respective Buildings which have been used during the day, as soon as they are closed to the public; he is also, in company with the Inspector appointed for this service, and with one of the Watchmen, to visit the Hall and Passages, together with all other places where danger may be apprehended, every Evening, at Nine o'clock. They are to examine whether every part is secure, and see that no person is lurking therein. For which pur-

pose, as well as in all cases of accident or alarm, Police-lamps only shall be used. The route to be taken in an Evening is given in writing to the Inspector.

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for security.

6. For the service of lighting the Fires, it may be necessary that lights should be brought into the Museum, or body of the House; but such lights for such use are to be carried in lanterns, to be provided for that purpose; and lights are never to be brought into the Museum on any other occasion nor in any other manner.

7. The Bookbinder is ordered to take especial care that the Fires in the Rooms allotted to him are extinguished before the workmen leave the Museum.

8. The Clerk of the Works is to see that all the Fires in the stoves which are necessary for the day, are lighted, and in a proper state. He is to pass through all the Rooms which those Fires are intended to warm, every Morning, by Eight o'clock; he is to take care that no fuel is put upon the Fires after Three in the Afternoon, and again to have the Stoves examined before Five in the Afternoon.

9. The several Furnaces, Stoves, Chimneys, and Flues of the Museum Buildings are to be examined, under the superintendence of the Clerk of the Works, once a Month, or oftener if necessary, and he shall periodically report as to their safety to the Trustees.

10. The several Engines, with all the Hose and Apparatus belonging to them, are to be worked four times a year, namely, on the Tuesday before every ordinary General Meeting of the Trustees.

11. On these occasions, all the resident Servants of the Establishment, or so many of them as can be spared, are to be employed in such service.

12. The Engines are to be worked under the personal superintendence of the Principal Officers who are resident in the House, in rotation; that is to say, the Principal Librarian, and the Senior Officers of Departments: the Engine-maker to be called upon to attend the trial each time, and also to report to the superintending Officer his opinion of the state and condition of the Engines and Apparatus,

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for security.

and whether improvements or alterations are wanting. The rivetted hose of the Engines are not to be tried above once in twelve months, unless there be reason to believe they have been injured; but they are to be uncoiled once a month, carefully examined, and, if found too dry, oiled; if too wet, dried.

13. A Register of the working of the Engines to be duly kept in a Book to be provided for that purpose; in this Register there shall be entered the parts of the Buildings upon which the Engines have played, the Cocks and Reservoirs from which the Water has been taken, the Number of Persons employed, specifying how many are Servants of the Establishment, and the Name of the Officer superintending.

14. The superintending Officer is to subscribe this Register, certify the condition of the Engines and other Apparatus, and add any Remarks which he may think necessary for the information of the Trustees. This Register to be uniformly laid before the Trustees by the Principal Librarian, at their next ensuing Meeting.

15. To ensure the keeping of the Hand-implements against Fire, belonging to the Museum, to their own proper purposes only, all such are to be branded, or otherwise marked with the words "British Museum Fire-tool," and to be kept in charge of the Clerk of the Works, who is to see that they are at all times in a proper state, fit for use.

16. The Officers of the Museum are enjoined to be particularly careful in their Houses and Apartments, as to fire.

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## II.—REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MUSEUM ESTABLISHMENT, IN CASE OF ACCIDENT BY FIRE.

Regulations  
in case of  
accident by  
fire.

1. In the event of Fire breaking out, the Officer or Servant discovering it, shall give immediate notice of it to all the Officers of the Establishment, to the Clerk of the Works, to the Porters at the gate, and to the Guard; and the alarm-bell is to be rung.



2. The Officers and Servants are forthwith to give their attendance and utmost assistance, and the Principal Librarian, or in his absence the senior Officer who shall be in the Museum, shall give such orders as in his judgment will best conduce to extinguish the fire.

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Regulations  
in case of  
accident by  
fire.

3. Notice of the breaking out of a fire shall be immediately sent to the nearest Police Station, and to the next Station of the London Fire Brigade.

4. The Clerk of the Works shall give immediate directions and assistance for putting the Fire-engines to work, and shall also send to the District Turncock.

5. The Serjeant of the Guard to send to the nearest Barracks for a reinforcement.

6. As early notice as possible shall be sent to such Trustees as live within a reasonable distance, as also, to the Architect, and to the Museum Engine Maker.

7. The Police Inspector, upon arrival, shall be requested to send to the two Stations nearest to his own district or section, for extra assistance to keep the Public away from the entrance of the Museum.

8. Two Porters shall be stationed at the Great Gate, assisted by such number of Police as the Inspector may deem necessary, with orders to admit persons belonging to the Museum, and other persons they know, who may be of assistance, such as Workmen employed in the building; but peremptorily to exclude all Strangers not necessary to work the Engines.

9. All Instructions or Advice from unqualified persons to be disregarded. The Workmen to look in the first instance to the directions of the Officers of the Institution only, till the arrival of the Superintendent or Engineer of the Fire Brigade, to whom the Officers will consign the direction of subsequent arrangements and exertions.

10. Should it so happen, previous to the arrival of the Superintendent, that the fire has got beyond the power of the hose on the Fire-cocks, attention to be immediately turned to shutting up the part where the fire is as much as possible.

## NOTE OF LOCALITIES, ENGINES, ETC.

## TANK.

There is a Tank for the general supply of Water always kept full, and the water always on, in the centre of the Court next Great Russell Street.

## IRON MAINS AND STATIONARY ENGINES.

An Iron Main, nine inches in diameter, lies round part of the outside of the Buildings, and also round part of the Interior Quadrangle; it lies under the surface of the ground, and is kept always full of water by the New River Company. The outer Main has connected with it fourteen fire-cocks—these are proposed to be increased to thirty, each prepared to receive two sets of hose. Six fire-cocks—proposed to be increased to ten—are also connected with the inner Main.

An Iron Main upon the Roof of the Buildings extends along the whole length of the four sides of the Quadrangle. Connected with it are Six Stationary Engines numbered 11 to 16, these numbers being in continuation of those placed upon the moveable Engines. These six stationary Engines are, one on the East side of the centre of the East Wing; two on the North side of the North Wing; one on the East side of the West Wing; and one on the East, and one on the West end of the South Wing.

This Iron Main is provided with twenty-nine fire-cocks at equal distances, Nos. 17 to 45: the hose, pipes, and branches for which are kept in boxes by the side of the Engines. The fire-cocks commence with No. 17 at the South end of the West Wing, and proceed to No. 45 at the West end of the South Wing.

## FIRE-COCKS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDINGS.

EAST WING.—Three, Nos. 46 to 48, supplied from Cisterns above, in the Stone Staircase of the East side of the centre of the King's Library; *i. e.*, two, No. 47 and 48, on the Upper Floor, and one, No. 46, on Ground Floor; the Hose belonging to them is kept under the Cisterns in the same passage.

NORTH WING.—Two Fire-cocks, No. 59 and 60, on the East, and one, No. 61, on the West Staircase, with leathern pipes near them; they are served from Cisterns under the Roof. Two small Cocks, No. 55 and 58, on the Upper Landings of the East and West Staircases; and one Fire-cock, No. 57, in the East Hoisting Staircase, and one also, No. 56, in the West Ditto.

WEST WING.—Two Fire-cocks, No. 54 and 62, one on each floor, served from a Cistern in the passage on the East side of the centre of this Wing. One, No. 53, with a Bucket Cock below, in a passage on the North side of the Medal Room, served from a Cistern above. Each Fire-cock is supplied with Hose Pipe, Branch, and Buckets.

SOUTH WING. — Two Fire-cocks on each floor in the East and West Staircases, Nos. 49 to 52, served from a Cistern over, with Hose Pipes, Branch, and Buckets near them.

The before-named Cocks are all numbered from 46 on the Ground Floor, north of the centre of the Royal Library, to 62 on the East side of the Central Saloon, West Wing. One, No. 64, with Bucket Cock, fixed in the Staircase to the Accountant's Room, on the same level; and one, No. 63, with a Bucket Cock, on the North side of the Committee Room.

The SCREWS of the Fire-cocks within the Buildings, as well as those of the Hose belonging to the Stationary Engines on the Roof, are all of uniform size, and are of the same size with those of the Fire Brigade.

A FIRE PLUG at the back of the East Wing, supplied from the New River Main in Montague Place; but this is not available for fire use, to any considerable height, unless the New River high pressure is on.

#### MOVEABLE ENGINES.

LARGER ENGINES of the Museum. No. 1 and 2, two Engines with hose pipes and apparatus, in the Basement of the West Wing. No. 3. This Engine is kept in the Basement under the East Wing.

#### CHAMBER ENGINES.

No. 4. A small four-wheeled Engine, near the door of the South-west Room, by the Hall.



30 NOTE OF LOCALITIES, ENGINES, ETC.

CHAP. IV. Nos. 5 to 8. Four Chamber Engines ; two on each Story,  
Note of Lo- at the junction of the North with the East and West Wings.  
calities, &c.

HAND ENGINES.

Nos. 9 and 10. Two on the Staircase of Central Saloon,  
Upper Floor.

FIRE BUCKETS.

One hundred and seventy-three in number. Six hang near each Fire-cock respectively ; Nineteen are kept close to the Entrance Hall ; Five are attached to the two larger moveable Engines in the Basement of the West Wing ; and Ten to the Engine in the East Basement. Twelve Buckets are kept attached to each of the four Chamber Engines.

KEYS OF THE FIRE-COCK CLOSETS, and of the TRAP DOOR leading to the Roof of the East Wing, are in the keeping of the Principal Librarian ; the Clerk of the Works, and each Messenger, have also these keys ; and one of each hangs in the Porter's Lodge. They are all labelled.

The Museum Fireman has his constant residence West of the Medal and Committee Rooms.

NEAREST POLICE STATION.—George Street.

NEAREST FIRE-BRIGADE STATIONS.—George Yard, Crown Street, St. Giles's ; and French Horn Yard, Holborn.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE.—Mr. James Braidwood, Head Station, 68, Watling Street.

DISTRICT TURNCOCKS.—James Davey, 28, Hyde Street, Bloomsbury ; John Porter, 30, University Street, Tottenham Court Road.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AND SUCCESSION  
OF  
TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS  
OF  
THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

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TRUSTEES.

Forty-eight; *viz.* 23 by Office, 1 by the Appointment of the  
Crown, 9 by Family Appointment, and 15 Elected.

BY OFFICE.

23.

*Three Principal Trustees.*

OFFICES.	NAMES. 1851.
The Archbishop of Canterbury . . . . .	John Bird Sumner, D.D.
The Lord Chancellor . . . . .	Thomas Lord Truro.
The Speaker of the House of Commons . . . . .	Rt. Hon. C. Shaw Lefevre.

*And Twenty others.*

The Lord President of the Council . . . . .	Marquess of Lansdowne.
The First Lord of the Treasury . . . . .	Lord John Russell.
The Lord Privy Seal . . . . .	Earl of Minto.
The First Lord of the Admiralty . . . . .	Sir Francis Thornhill Baring, Bart.
The Lord Steward . . . . .	Marquess of Westminster.
The Lord Chamberlain . . . . .	Marquess of Breadalbane.
The Principal Secretaries of State . . . . .	{ Sir Geo. Grey, Bart. Viscount Palmerston. Earl Grey.

The Bishop of London . . . . .	Chas. Jas. Blomfield, D.D.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer . . . .	Sir Charles Wood, Bart.
The Lord Chief Justice, Queen's Bench .	John Lord Campbell.
The Master of the Rolls . . . . .	Sir John Romilly.
The Lord Chief Justice, Common Pleas .	Sir John Jervis.
The Attorney General . . . . .	Sir Alex. Jas. Edm. Cockburn.
The Solicitor General . . . . .	Sir William Page Wood.
The President of the Royal Society . . .	Earl of Rosse.
The President of the College of Physicians	John Ayrton Paris, M.D.
The President of the Society of Antiquaries	Viscount Mahon.
The President of the Royal Academy . .	Sir Chas. Lock Eastlake.

### APPOINTED BY THE SOVEREIGN.

- 1832 H. R. H. The Duke of Gloucester, K.G.  
 1834 Hugh Duke of Northumberland.  
 1847 H. R. H. The Duke of Cambridge, K.G.  
 1851 (*Vacant*).

### FAMILY TRUSTEES.

#### 7.

#### *Sloane Family, 2.*

- 1753 Charles Lord Cadogan.  
 — Hans Stanley, Esq.  
 1779 Charles Sloane Lord Cadogan . . . v. Charles Lord Cadogan.  
 1780 Rt. Hon. Welbore Ellis (Ld. Mendip.) v. Hans Stanley.  
 1803 Hans Sloane, Esq. . . . . v. Lord Mendip.  
 1833 George Cadogan Earl Cadogan . . . v. Charles Sloane Lord Cadogan.  
 1835 Rt. Hon. Edward Geoffrey Smith  
 Lord Stanley . . . . . v. Hans Sloane, Esq.

#### *Cotton Family, 2.*

- 1753 Samuel Burroughs, Esq.  
 — Thomas Hart, Esq.  
 1757 Philip Earl of Hardwicke . . . . v. Thomas Hart, Esq.  
 1764 Velters Cornwall, Esq. . . . . v. S. Burroughs, Esq.  
 — Hon. Charles Yorke . . . . . v. Earl of Hardwicke.

1768	John Bosworth, D.D.	v. Velters Cornwall, Esq.
1770	Francis Barrell, Esq.	v. Hon. Chas. Yorke.
1772	Francis Annesley, Esq.	v. Francis Barrell, Esq.
1786	Sir George Cornwall, Bart.	v. J. Bosworth, D.D.
1812	Rev. Arthur Annesley	v. Francis Annesley, Esq.
1819	George Booth Tyndale, Esq.	v. Sir Geo. Cornwall, Bart.
1845	Rev. Francis Annesley	v. Rev. Arthur Annesley.

### *Harley Family, 2.*

1753 William Duke of Portland.

— Edward Earl of Oxford.

1755	Edward Earl of Oxford	v. Edw. Earl of Oxford.
1764	Wm. H. Cavendish Duke of Portland	v. Wm. Duke of Portland.
1793	W. H. C. Scott Duke of Portland	v. Edw. Earl of Oxford.
1813	Rt. Hon. George Canning	v. Wm. H. Duke of Portland.
1829	Lord Hen. W. Bentinck	v. Rt. Hon. Geo. Canning.
—	Rt. Hon. Geo. Agar Ellis Lord Dover	v. W. H. C. Scott Duke of Portland.
1834	John Frederick Earl Cawdor	v. Lord Dover.

### *Townley Family, 1.*

1805 Edward Townley Standish, Esq.

1807	John Towneley, Esq.	v. E. Townley Standish, Esq.
1814	Richard Payne Knight, Esq.	v. J. Towneley, Esq.
1824	Peregrine Edward Townley, Esq.	v. R. P. Knight, Esq.
1845	Charles Towneley, Esq.	v. P. E. Townley, Esq.

### *Elgin Family, 1.*

1816 Thomas Earl of Elgin.

1841 James Bruce Earl of Elgin.

### *Knight Family, 1.*

1824 Thomas Andrew Knight, Esq.

1838	John Knight, Esq.	v. T. A. Knight, Esq.
1850	Fred. Winn Knight, Esq.	v. John Knight, Esq.



## ELECTED TRUSTEES.

## 15.

[Those marked with \* are Trustees in Office, A.D. 1851.]

First Election, 1753.	{	Archibald Duke of Argyle.
		Hugh Earl of Northumberland.
		R. H. Lord Charles Cavendish.
		Hugh Lord Willoughby of Parham.
		Hon. Philip Yorke.
		Sir George Lyttleton, Bart.
		Sir John Evelyn, Bart.
		William Sloane, Esq.
		James West, Esq.
		Nicholas Hardinge, Esq.
		Charles Gray, Esq.
		William Sotheby, Esq.
		Thomas Birch, D.D.
		John Ward, LL.D.
		Mr. William Watson.

## Succession.

1761	Rt. Hon. Arthur Onslow . . . . .	<i>v.</i> Duke of Argyle.
—	Gustavus Brander, Esq. . . . .	<i>v.</i> N. Hardinge, Esq.
1764	Earl of Hardwicke . . . . .	<i>v.</i> Hon. Philip Yorke.
1765	John Earl of Bute . . . . .	<i>v.</i> John Ward, LL.D.
—	James Harris, Esq. . . . .	<i>v.</i> Sir John Evelyn, Bart.
—	Daniel Wray, Esq. . . . .	<i>v.</i> Lord Willoughby of Parham.
1766	Charles Littleton Bishop of Carlisle.	<i>v.</i> Thomas Birch, D.D.
—	Matthew Duane, Esq. . . . .	<i>v.</i> William Sotheby, Esq.
1767	Hans Sloane, Esq. . . . .	<i>v.</i> William Sloane, Esq.
1768	William Earl of Besborough . . . .	<i>v.</i> Rt. Hon. Arthur Onslow.
1769	Hon. Edwin Sandys (Lord Sandys) .	<i>v.</i> Bishop of Carlisle.
1772	Richard Kaye, D.D. . . . .	<i>v.</i> James West, Esq.
1773	Henry Cavendish, Esq. . . . .	<i>v.</i> Sir George Lyttleton, Bart.
1783	Sir William Hamilton, K.B. . . . .	<i>v.</i> James Harris, Esq.
—	Sir William Musgrave, Bart. . . . .	<i>v.</i> Charles Gray, Esq.
1797	Lord Frederick Campbell . . . . .	<i>v.</i> Lord Sandys.
1784	Rev. Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode, M.A. . . . .	<i>v.</i> Lord Charles Cavendish.

## Succession.

- 1784 Thomas Tyrwhitt, Esq. . . . . v. Daniel Wray, Esq.  
 1787 Heneage Earl of Aylesford . . . . v. Matthew Duane, Esq.  
 — George Earl of Leicester (Marquess  
     Townshend). . . . . v. Earl of Northumberland.  
 — John Douglas Bishop of Salisbury . v. Thomas Tyrwhitt, Esq.  
 — Thomas Astle, Esq. . . . . v. Gustavus Brander, Esq.  
 1791 Charles Townley, Esq. . . . . v. Sir William Watson.  
 — George John Earl Spencer . . . . v. Earl of Hardwicke.  
 1793 Augustus Henry Duke of Grafton . v. Earl of Bute.  
 — Right Hon. Frederick Montagu . v. Earl of Besborough.  
 1799 Shute Barrington Bishop of Dur-  
     ham . . . . . v. Rev. C. M. Cracherode.  
 1800 Marquess of Bute . . . . . v. Sir William Musgrave, Bart.  
 1801 Alexander Earl of Rosslyn . . . . v. Rt. Hon. Fred. Montagu.  
 1803 Philip Earl of Hardwicke . . . . v. Hans Sloane, Esq. appointed  
     a family Trustee.  
 1804 Right Hon. Sir William Scott (Lord  
     Stowell) . . . . . v. Sir W. Hamilton, K.B.  
 — Right Hon. George Rose . . . . v. Thomas Astle, Esq.  
 1805 Alleyne Lord St. Helens . . . . v. Earl of Rosslyn.  
 — George Earl of Macartney . . . . v. Charles Townley, Esq.  
 1806 George Grenville Levison Gower  
     Marquess of Stafford (Duke of  
     Sutherland). . . . . v. Earl Macartney.  
 1807 William Windham Lord Grenville . v. Bishop of Salisbury.  
 1810 Thomas Dampier Bishop of Ely . v. Sir Richard Kaye, Bart.  
 — George Earl of Ashburnham . . . v. Henry Cavendish, Esq.  
 1811 Dudley, Earl of Harrowby . . . . v. Duke of Grafton.  
 1812 Sylvester Lord Glenbervie . . . . v. Marquess Townshend.  
 — Rt. Hon. Charles Long (Lord Farn-  
     borough) . . . . . v. Bishop of Ely.  
 \* — George Earl of Aberdeen . . . . v. Earl of Aylesford.  
 \*1815 John Henry Duke of Rutland . . v. Marquess of Bute.  
 1817 Henry Bankes, Esq. . . . . v. Lord Frederick Campbell.  
 1818 Charles Lord Colchester . . . . v. Rt. Hon. George Rose.  
 1823 Sir George Beaumont, Bart. . . . v. Lord Glenbervie.  
 1825 John Jefferies Marquess Camden . v. Bishop of Durham.  
 \*1827 Henry Marquess of Lansdowne . v. Sir George Beaumont, Bart.

## Succession.

1829 Alexander Baring, Esq. (Lord Ashburton) . . . . .	v. Lord Colchester.
1830 Rt. Hon. Thomas Grenville . . . .	v. Lord Stowell, resigned.
— John Earl of Eldon . . . . .	v. Earl of Ashburnham.
1833 Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Peel, Bart. . .	v. Duke of Sutherland.
*1834 Alexander Hamilton Duke of Hamilton . . . . .	v. Lord Grenville.
*— Edward Smith Earl of Derby . . .	v. Earl Spencer.
*— Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Bart. . .	v. Earl of Hardwicke.
— William Vesey Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey (Lord Fitzgerald) . . . .	v. Henry Banks, Esq.
*1837 Henry Hallam, Esq. . . . .	v. Lord St. Helens, resigned.
1838 George Earl of Carlisle . . . . .	v. Earl of Eldon.
*— William Richard Hamilton, Esq. . .	v. Lord Farnborough.
*1841 George Granville Sutherland Levison Gower, Duke of Sutherland . .	v. The Marquess Camden.
— Sir John Fred. Wm. Herschell, Bart.	v. Lord Fitzgerald.
*1847 The Rt. Hon. Thomas Babington Macaulay . . . . .	v. The Rt. Hon. Tho. Grenville.
*— The Very Rev. Wm. Buckland, D.D.	v. George Earl of Carlisle.
*1849 Rt. Hon. Henry Goulburn . . . .	v. Lord Ashburton.
*— Rt. Hon. Sir David Dundas . . . .	v. Sir John Herschell.
— Marq. of Northampton . . . . .	v. The Earl of Harrowby.
*1851 Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton, Bart. . . . .	v. Sir Robert Peel, Bart.
*— Lord Seymour . . . . .	v. Marq. of Northampton.

## OFFICERS.

## I.

## SUCCESSION.

*Principal Librarians.*

1756 Gowin Knight, M.D.

1772 Matthew Maty, M.D. . . . .	v. Gowin Knight, deceased.
1776 Charles Morton, M.D. . . . .	v. Matthew Maty, deceased.
1799 Joseph Planta, Esq. F.R.S. . . .	v. Charles Morton, deceased.

## Succession.

- 1827 Henry Ellis, Esq. F.R.S. (Sir  
Henry Ellis, K.H.) . . . . . v. Joseph Planta, deceased.

*Secretaries.*

- 1787 Edward Whitaker Gray, M.D.  
1806 Edward Bray, Esq. . . . . v. E. W. Gray, resigned.  
1814 Henry Ellis, Esq. . . . . v. E. Bray, deceased.  
1828 Rev. Josiah Forshall . . . . . v. H. Ellis, promoted.

*Keepers of Departments.*

- 1756 Charles Morton, M.D. . . . . Manuscript Department.  
— James Empson, Esq. . . . . Natural History Department.  
— Matthew Maty, M.D. . . . . Library of Printed Books.  
1765 Rev. Samuel Harper, M.A. . . . v. J. Empson, deceased.  
1773 Daniel Charles Solander, M.D. . . v. M. Maty, promoted.  
1776 Joseph Planta, Esq. . . . . v. C. Morton, promoted.  
1782 Rev. Paul Henry Maty, M.A. . . . v. D. C. Solander, deceased.  
1787 Edward Whitaker Gray, M.D. . . v. P. H. Maty, deceased.  
1799 Rev. Robert Nares, M.A. . . . . v. J. Planta, promoted.  
1803 Rev. William Beloe, M.A. . . . . v. S. Harper, deceased.  
1806 Henry Ellis, Esq. B.C.L. . . . . v. W. Beloe, dismissed.  
1807 Taylor Combe, Esq. M.A. . . . . Promoted to the New Department of Antiquities.  
— George Shaw, M.D. . . . . v. E. W. Gray, deceased.  
— Francis Douce, Esq. . . . . v. R. Nares, resigned.  
1812 Rev. Hen. Hervey Baber, M.A. . . v. F. Douce, resigned.  
1813 Charles König, Esq. F.R.S. . . . v. George Shaw, deceased.  
1826 Edward Hawkins, Esq. F.R.S. . . v. T. Combe, deceased.  
1827 Robert Brown, Esq. F.R.S. . . . Appointed to the Banksian Botanical Department.  
— Rev. Josiah Forshall, M.A. . . . v. H. Ellis, promoted.  
1837 John George Children, Esq. F.R.S. . Appointed Keeper of Zoology.  
— Antonio Panizzi, Esq. . . . . v. H. H. Baber, resigned.  
— Sir Frederick Madden, K.H. . . . v. J. Forshall, resigned.  
— Henry Josi, Esq. . . . . Appointed Keeper of Prints.  
1840 John Edward Gray, Esq. . . . . v. John George Children, resigned.  
1845 William Hookham Carpenter, Esq. . v. Henry Josi, deceased.



*Assistant Librarians.*

## Succession.

1756	Henry Rimius, Esq. . . . .	Natural History Department.
—	Rev. Samuel Harper, M.A. . . . .	Library of Printed Books.
—	Andrew Gifford, D.D. . . . .	Manuscript Department.
1757	William Hudson, Esq. . . . .	v. H. Rimius, deceased.
1758	Rev. Andrew Planta, M.A. . . . .	v. W. Hudson, resigned.
1765	D. C. Solander, M.D. . . . .	v. A. Planta, removed to the Printed Books.
1773	John Obadiah Justamond, Esq. . . . .	v. D. C. Solander, promoted.
—	Joseph Planta, Esq. . . . .	v. A. Planta, deceased.
1776	Rev. Paul Henry Maty, M.A. . . . .	v. Joseph Planta, promoted.
1778	Edward Whitaker Gray, M.D. . . . .	v. J. O. Justamond, dismissed.
1782	Rev. Charles Godfrey Woide, LL.D. . . . .	v. P. H. Maty, promoted.
1784	Rev. Richard Southgate, M.A. . . . .	v. A. Gifford, deceased.
1787	Rev. Samuel Ayscough . . . . .	v. E. W. Gray, promoted.
1791	George Shaw, M.D. . . . .	v. C. G. Woide, deceased.
1795	Rev. Robert Nares, M.A. . . . .	v. R. Southgate, deceased.
1799	Rev. Thomas Maurice, M.A. . . . .	v. R. Nares, promoted.
1803	Taylor Combe, Esq. M.A. . . . .	v. R. Penneck, deceased.
1805	Henry Ellis, Esq. B.C.L. . . . .	v. S. Ayscough, deceased.
—	Horace Walpole Bedford, Esq. . . . .	v. Taylor Combe, promoted.
1807	Rev. Henry Hervey Baber, M.A. . . . .	v. Henry Ellis, promoted.
—	Charles König, Esq. . . . .	v. G. Shaw, promoted.
1808	William Alexander, Esq. . . . .	v. H. W. Bedford, deceased.
1812	Rev. James Bean, M.A. . . . .	v. H. H. Baber, promoted.
1813	William Elford Leach, M.D. . . . .	v. Charles König, promoted.
1816	John George Children, Esq. . . . .	v. W. Alexander, deceased.
1822	George Henry Noehden, LL.D. . . . .	v. W. E. Leach, resigned.
1824	Rev. Josiah Forshall, M.A. . . . .	v. T. Maurice, deceased.
1826	Edward Hawkins, Esq. . . . .	v. G. H. Noehden, deceased.
—	Rev. H. F. Cary, M.A. . . . .	v. J. Bean, deceased.
—	Charles Fred. Barnwell, Esq. . . . .	v. E. Hawkins, promoted.
1828	Frederick Madden, Esq. (Sir Frederick Madden, K.H.) . . . . .	v. J. Forshall, promoted.
1837	Rev. William Cureton . . . . .	v. Frederick Madden, promoted.
1838	Rev. Richard Garnett . . . . .	v. H. F. Carey, resigned.

## Succession.

1844 Samuel Birch, Esq. . . . .	v. Chas. Fred. Barnwell, resigned.
1850 John Holmes, Esq. . . . .	v. William Cureton, resigned.
— John Winter Jones, Esq. . . . .	v. Richard Garnett, deceased.

*Extra Assistant Keepers of Departments.*

1805 Horace Walpole Bedford, Esq. . . .	Printed Books.
1816 Antonio Schlichtegroll, Esq. . . .	v. H. W. Bedford, promoted.
— John Thomas Smith, Esq. . . . .	Prints.
1819 George Henry Noehden, LL.D. . . .	v. A. Schlichtegroll, resigned.
1822 Philip Bliss, D.C.L. . . . .	v. G. H. Noehden, promoted.
— F. A. Walter, Esq. . . . .	v. P. Bliss, resigned.
1831 Antonio Panizzi, Esq. . . . .	v. F. A. Walter, resigned.
1833 W. Young Ottley, Esq. . . . .	v. J. T. Smith, deceased.
1836 Henry Josi, Esq. . . . .	v. W. Y. Ottley, deceased.

*Keepers of the Reading Room.*

1758 Peter Templeman, M.D.	
1761 Rev. Richard Penneck, B.D. . . .	v. Dr. Templeman, resigned.
1803 The duties of this Office were made over to the Assistant Librarians ; and in 1805 to the Under and Assistant Librarians. In 1824 the duties were made over to a Superintendent of the Room, under the management of the Principal Librarian.	

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## PERSONS IN OFFICE IN THE YEAR 1851.

	Years when appointed.
PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN. Sir Henry Ellis, K.H. . . . .	1827
KEEPERS OF DEPARTMENTS.	
Manuscripts, Sir Frederick Madden, K.H. . . . .	1837
Printed Books, Antonio Panizzi, Esq. . . . .	1837
Mineralogy, Charles König, Esq. K.H. . . . .	1813
Zoology, John Edward Gray, Esq. . . . .	1840
Botany, Robert Brown, Esq. F.R.S. . . . .	1827
Antiquities, Edward Hawkins, Esq. F.R.S. . . . .	1826
Prints, William Hookham Carpenter, Esq. . . . .	1845

	Years when appointed.
ASSISTANT KEEPERS.	
Manuscripts, John Holmes, Esq. . . . .	1850
Printed Books, John Winter Jones, Esq. . . . .	1850
Antiquities, Samuel Birch, Esq. . . . .	1844
EXTRA ASSISTANT KEEPER.	
Botany, John Joseph Bennett, Esq. . . . .	1827
CHIEF-CLERK UNDER PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN. Thomas Butler, Esq. . . . .	1837
ACCOMPTANT. Mr. Edward Mitchell Aston . . . . .	1849
SUPERINTENDENTS OF READING ROOM.	
Mr. James Cates . . . . .	1815
Mr. John Grabham . . . . .	1837











